GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2545
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INTERVIEWS GIVEN BY ACCUSED TV CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the` Supreme Court has ruled that trial courts could consider as evidence interviews given by an accused to TV channels; and

(b) if so, the manner by which the matter to be dealt in case the accused changes his version in the court during court proceedings?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) In the Sajidbeg Asifbeg Mirza Vs. State of Gujarat, SLP(CrL)130/2007 the Supreme Court in its Order dated 22nd January,2007 observed that the relevance and admissibility of the statement, if any, given by the accused before the media persons shall be considered at the appropriate stage in the trial.

(b) The matter is under examination.